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within any State, or
thenceforth, and **FOREVER FREE**, and
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“That the Executive will, on the
respectively shall then be in rebellion
the Congress of the United States by
absence of strong countervailing testim

Now, therefore, I, A
Commander-in-Chief of the

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Sixty-Three, and in accordance with n
and designate, as the States and parts
Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except
St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, incl
forty-eight counties designated as Wes
cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth,) and

And by virtue of the power and
of States ARE, AND HENCEFORWARD **SH**
will recognize and maintain the freedom

And I hereby enjoin upon the p
when allowed, they LABOR FAITHFULLY

And I further declare and mak
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And upon this act, sincerely beli
and the gracious favor of ALMIGHTY C

In Testimony Whereof, I have

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Done at the
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By the President,

William H. Seward

Secretary of State.

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designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, and the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval Authorities, do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their freedom.

First day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, against the United States, and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have voted for the same, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof are not then in rebellion.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the approval of the House of Representatives, do, in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval Authorities, for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this First day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, my purpose so to do, publicly proclaim for the full period of one hundred days from the date hereof, all the States wherein the people thereof respectively are this day in rebellion against the United States, to-wit: the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, and the City of Orleans,) **Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia**, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Anne, and Kent, in the State of Maryland, which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this Proclamation were not issued.

For the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that **ALL PERSONS HELD AS SLAVES** within the said States, and parts of States, shall be and they are, henceforth, **ALL BE FREE!** and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval Authorities, do not support, protect, countenance, or interfere with said persons. All persons who shall have been so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, UNLESS IN NECESSARY SELF-DEFENCE; and to accept of employment only for REASONABLE WAGES.

It is known that such persons of suitable condition will be received into the armed service of the United States, and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval Authorities, will receive and employ them in the armed service of the United States.

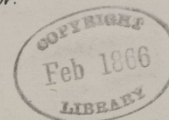
I believe to be AN ACT OF JUSTICE, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the aid of the Almighty God!

Witness my hand and the seal of the United States at the City of Washington, this First day of January, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, this First day of January, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.



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their actual freedom.

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ty-Three, and of the Independence of the United

A. Lincoln.

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